



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 906

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1574

By Representatives McCormick, Hawk, Kevin Brooks, Ramsey, Watson, Powers, Shipley, Hardaway, Sanderson, Ragan, Towns, Pitts, Mitchell, Eldridge, Stewart

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1751

By Senators Norris, McNally, Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to products containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-431(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) A pharmacy shall not sell products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine base, or their salts, isomers or salts of isomers to the same person in an amount more than:

(A) Five and seventy-six hundredths (5.76) grams in any period of thirty (30) consecutive days; or

(B) Twenty-eight and eight tenths (28.8) grams in any one-year period.

(2) A person shall not purchase products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine base, or their salts, isomers or salts of isomers in an amount more than:

(A) Five and seventy-six hundredths (5.76) grams in any period of thirty (30) consecutive days; or

(B) Twenty-eight and eight tenths (28.8) grams in any one-year period.

(3) The limits in this subsection (c) shall apply whether one (1) form of identification required in subsection (d) is used to make the purchase or if two (2) or more forms of identification required in subsection (d) are used to purchase the products. The limits contained in this subsection (c) shall apply to the total amount of base ephedrine and pseudoephedrine contained in the products and not the overall weight of the products. The prohibitions contained in this subsection (c) shall not apply to a person who obtains the product or products pursuant to a valid prescription issued by a licensed health care practitioner authorized to prescribe by the laws of the state.

(4) This subsection (c) also shall apply to pharmacist-generated prescription orders of the product pursuant to § 63-10-206. The provision of the patient education and counseling as a part of the practice of pharmacy shall be required when any product is issued under this subsection (c).

(5) There shall be no protocol or procedure mandated by any individual or corporate entity that interferes with the pharmacist's professional duty to counsel and evaluate the patient's appropriate pharmaceutical needs and the exercise of the pharmacist's professional judgment as to whether it is appropriate to dispense medication as set forth in subsection (d) or otherwise.

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SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-431, is amended by deleting the language “one-day or thirty-day period” in subdivision (m)(1)(C) and “one-day period or thirty-day period” in subdivision (m)(1)(D) and substituting instead the language “thirty-day or one-year period”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-431, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) No person under eighteen (18) years of age may purchase a product that contains any immediate methamphetamine precursor, except pursuant to a valid prescription issued by a licensed healthcare practitioner authorized to prescribe by the law of the state or a pharmacist generated prescription issued pursuant to § 63-10-206.

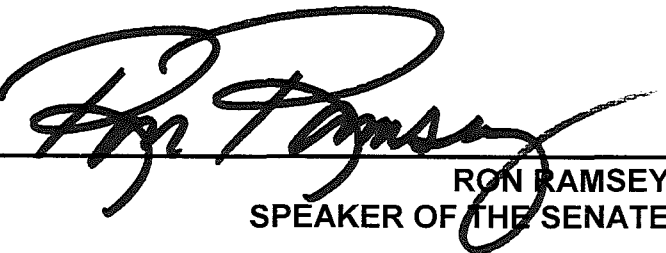
SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 17, 2014



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR